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Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
145 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**House Bill 1010 - Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology -
Regulations, Review, and Evaluation - FAV**

Dear Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members:

My name is Craig Collins-Young, and I urge you to support **HB 1010 (SB 236)**, *Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation*.

Our election administrators at the local and state levels do extraordinary work to ensure our elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. We entrust them to run our elections, and we must equip them with the tools to do the work.

I believe HB 1010 is an important bill that supports and enhances our democracy. This bill would direct the State Board of Elections to certify election-supporting technology for ranked-choice voting (RCV) in Maryland elections.

RCV helps promote more voices and more choices for voters, and it produces winners with broad voter support. Instead of winning with a small plurality, the eventual winner must gain a majority after preferences are redistributed. The result of an RCV election is that the winner is backed by more than half of participating voters, not the 20-30 percent we often see with the current plurality voting method.

As more jurisdictions explore and adopt ranked-choice voting, election administrators need access to reliable tools that have been vetted at the state level. By supporting HB 1010, you are empowering local election administrators with trusted technology, reducing administrative burdens, and reinforcing Maryland's commitment to secure, transparent, and well-run elections.

Let's help equip election administrators with the tools they need to succeed in supporting ranked-choice voting in our elections!

I respectfully urge the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to give HB1010 full consideration and a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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